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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2094

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY BONN

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DEPT ATTN A/SY; ANKARA PLS PASS TO SEABEE WALKER; BONN FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SECURITY - AMB, EMB AND CONSULATES

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1. A) ASSIGNMENT OF 2 MSGS ON 30-45 DAY TDY.
- B) DM 76 BASE STATION HAS NOT ARRIVED. REQUEST EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GET MISSING DM 76 HERE ASAP. RCO BONN ADVISED THAT RADIOS ARRIVED MARCH 11 AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME INSTALL EQUIPMENT AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TRAVEL FUNDS. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ACCEED TO RCO'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS IMMEDIATELY. TWO ADDITIONAL PR 36 ALSO REQUESTED.
- C) TWO ADDITIONAL BODY ARMOR (1) LARGE (1) MEDIUM.

2. A) ONE OR TWO PORTUGUESE POLICE NORMALLY ASSIGNED AT CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE. ALL PAST EXPERIENCES WITH POLICE INDICATE THAT THEY ARE VERY UNDEPENDABLE. DURING PERIODS OF EXPECTED INCIDENTS, DEMOSTRATIONS, ETC., POLICY HAS BEEN TO OBTAIN PROTECTION BY MILITARY FORCES. NO PROTECTION AFFORDED AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE MOVEMENTS. REACTION TIME OF MILITARY HAS BEEN GOOD ALTHOUGH RELIABILITY OF SOLDIERS IS QUESTIONABLE. SINCE MARCH 11 INCIDENTS, SYMPATHIES OF TROOPS GUARDING CHANCERY HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN WITH CROWDS.

B) AMBASSADOR DOES NOT CARRY FIREARM AND HAS NO PERSONAL

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BODYGUARD.

C) PERMANENT POLICE GUARD NOT ASSIGNED CONSULATE OPORTO. HOWEVER, EXCELLENT LIAISON REPORTEDLY EXISTS BETWEEN CONSUL AND POLICE AUTHORITIES. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN POLICE PROMPTLY AVAILABLE BOTH AT CONSULATE AND CONSUL'S RESIDENCE WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. SIMILAR CONDITIONS PREVAIL AT PONTA DELGADA. D) INTERVIEW OF CONSULAR AGENT, FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, INDICATES NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

3. LEXON FOR AMBASSADOR'S CAR REQUESTED. ALSO LEXON FOR PARTIALLY ARMORED VEHICLE USED BY DCM (1974 SATTELITE FOUR-DOOR PLYMOUTH SEDAN).

ADDED NOTE: POLICY OF GOP IN LISBON RESTRICTS PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO HEADS OF MISSIONS. DUE TO RECENT UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY DCM, LISBON, RECEIVED ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR ALLEGING CIA CONNECTIONS, IT IS FELT DCM CAN BE CONSIDERED PRIME ALTERNATE TARGET. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD AT DCM'S RESIDENCE AND TO DATE REQUEST HAS BEEN HONORED. NO ASSURANCES THIS WILL BE ON A PERMANENT BASIS. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO HAVE GOP PROVIDE DCM WITH MORE PROTECTION. ANY ASSISTANCE/SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE TO INCREASE SECURITY FOR BOTH AMBASSADOR AND DCM MOST APPRECIATED.
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